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Dear Ms. Hesse,

The settlement proposed in the Microsoft antitrust case deserves strong consideration. The Independent Technical Committee set out in the proposal provides an enforcement device. If compliance backsliding by Microsoft should occur, the committee would be engaged at the cost of Microsoft.

End users would receive the kind of continued flexibility that we have already seen in the release of their new Windows XP operating system guaranteeing consumers the freedom to select applications from competitor providers with ease.

Information technology consumers of Microsoft's operating system would have access to technical specifications of Windows that actually makes it easier for its competitors to provide compatible applications to be used on computers and with servers of Microsoft's operating system.

Although short of breaking apart the company, there are also fair provisions set forth in this settlement that would punish the company for the actions of which they have been found guilty.

I trust you will give this settlement offer sufficient deliberation.

Thank You



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